

SEES GIRLS' DRESS MENACE TO NATION

But Mrs. Thomas Birch, Wife of Former Diplomat, Believes in Women's Freedom SHE LIKES BULL FIGHTS

The dress of the American girl is harming the nation, says Mrs. Thomas Birch, wife of the former American minister to Portugal, who is visiting her former home in Burlington, N. J., for the several weeks.

Many foreigners who visit America, she says, ask her, "Where are your nice girls? We didn't see any."

And this, Mrs. Birch insists, is a pity, for she believes in the modern American girl—and admires her.

"But," she warns, "it is difficult to see them, for they are in every station of life—with their short skirts, rolled stockings, rouged cheeks and often times knickerbockers—anywhere."

Mrs. Birch has lived for eight years, she describes as "the most charming and well poised young ladies one could meet."

The average Portuguese girl speaks several languages—English, French, German and sometimes Italian; and has a large fund of knowledge from her lessons which have occupied her time.

"Being a lady, however," Mrs. Birch continued, "has nothing to do with cultivation of the working class in Portugal—who have their full freedom, would not expose themselves to gibes about their personal appearance, and to discussion of their person, that the girls of America do."

Mrs. Birch believes in freedom for women.

"The trouble with the American girl is not that she is not free, but that she is too free with herself."

Before her marriage Mrs. Birch was Miss Helen Barr.

AUTO BUCCANERS HOLD UP MAN AND CHASE 'PROSPECT'

West Indiana Avenue Victim Doesn't Know if Other Lost Valuables

Four "highway buccaners" cruising about in a touring car held up and robbed James Hardiman, 705 West Indiana avenue, last midnight. It occurred at Eighth street and Indiana avenue, about 200 yards from the young man's home.

Three of the robbers were taking Hardiman's watch, chain, keys and \$10.30 in cash when the fourth, at the wheel of the motorcar sighted another "prospect" walking down Eighth street.

The driver called out a command. Two of them leaped from the car and the other peletonist. The driver leaped out and stood guard over Hardiman until he had been searched thoroughly. Then they drove away.

FRANKFORD MAN HELD UP

J. Warren Allen Stripped of Valuables by Auto Bandits

J. Warren Allen, of 4463 Winglocking street, Frankford, was held up and robbed at 12:55 o'clock this morning at Penn and Slocum streets.

The bandits, four men in a large touring car believed to have been stolen, took \$32 in cash, his watch and stickpin. The police say the men are wanted in Keshington the previous night. They are described as young men, wearing caps and dark clothes and operating in a car with illegible license plates.

Allen reported the hold-up immediately to the police of the Frankford station, and Patrolman Gallester, of the motorcycle squad, and a large patroling street in the neighborhood of the hold-up, but by that time the bandits had got away and he could find no clue to them.

CIRCUS IS COMING!

Sells-Floto Combined With Buffalo Bill Shows Here May 1

Hautboys and trumpets! The circus is coming May 1. On that date the great one and only Sells-Floto aggregation (renamed now with the organization of the late Buffalo Bill) will settle itself on the new circus grounds at Tenth and Luzerne streets.

If you get there soon enough you can see the 324 apple gray pecheron baggage horses, the 186 ring horses, Billy Sunday, the smallest elephant in this and possibly other worlds, the "tents of the north," the pipe organ, the elephants, tigers, hyenas, snakes and Poodles and so on to say nothing of Flossies Hanford, the great riding clown.

SCHOOL TO HONOR SPROULE

Teachers Where He Studied Forty Years Ago to Give Dinner

Teachers of the Belmont School, where George F. Sproule, Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, was a student forty years ago, will give a testimonial dinner for Mr. Sproule at the Arcadia Cafe tonight.

Director Sproule left the school forty years ago next month. It is located at First and Brown streets; then regarded in the suburbs, Mr. Sproule became a messenger in the Maritime Exchange and has been connected with the port ever since.

Among the teachers who will attend the dinner are some who had Mr. Sproule in their classes.

ORDERS BIBLE TO COST \$500

Gloucester Jews Will Provide Hand-Written Book for Synagogue

The Gloucester Hebrew Synagogue, at a meeting held on Thursday night at the close of the Passover services, decided to buy a Jewish Bible to cost \$500. Women present at the meeting used to the men to buy a Bible for use in teaching the children in the new building, which was taken and cost \$200 was the total. A committee was appointed and a Bible entirely written by hand was ordered purchased to cost \$500. The question of building a new synagogue was deferred until later in the year.

Boys Scouts to Compete in Drills

The Boy Scouts of Delaware and Montgomery Counties will this afternoon hold a championship contest in the ball park at Hilday Park. Knotting, stretcher race and dressing race are some of the contests. The boys of both counties have been going through hard practice for some time.

15,000 VETERANS AIDED IN 'CLEAN-UP'

Squad Canvassed 73 Cities, Towns and Villages in Penna. and Delaware

5663 'SPECIALS' EXAMINED

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

The "Clean-up Squad" has finished its work.

It is home again after a remarkable record in dispensing help and assistance to nearly 15,000 veterans of the World War.

"Clean-up Week" in the public mind is associated with the removal of rubbish, waste paper, inflammables and useless household stuff generally. It may require a day or a week.

The "Clean-up Squad" to which I refer has been doing business on successive weeks for eight months past. It is composed of ex-service men.

It has "cleaned up" seventy-three cities, towns and villages in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Comprised of thirty persons, they were every one an expert in his line. They embrace lawyers, examining surgeons, medical specialists of all kinds, transportation experts, interviewers and miscellaneous assistants.

It was the greatest clean-up in its line that Pennsylvania ever has known. It was an aftermath of the war.

It started under Federal jurisdiction and law, its proper title was the "District Clean-up Squad of the War Veterans Bureau."

The object was to extend assistance to ex-service men in remote and inaccessible regions of the two States. To let every veteran know of his rights and privileges no matter where he resided.

Squads were organized in each of the fourteen regional districts of the United States under an amendment to the Stewart bill.

There are thousands of World War veterans who are in absolute ignorance about compensation, vocational training, Government insurance, back compensation, clothing and low interest charge papers, compensation for dependents and Liberty bonds.

Thorough Canvass of States

To supply this information, to examine the disabled and ill, to adjust claims and examine into the care of veterans, the "clean-up" squad was organized, and sent into every corner of the two States.

The field manager of the Pennsylvania squad was H. H. Hibbsman, M. D., of the University of Pennsylvania. M. D. The other members were: Administrative officer, John V. Murray; legal advisors, F. P. Petrot and J. M. Stetzer.

Heart, lung and skin specialist, L. D. Frescoln, M. D.; neuro-psychiatrist, N. C. Podall, M. D., and Milton K. Jones, M. D.; orthopedic and plastic surgeon, J. M. Stetzer, M. D.; and Thomas G. O'Dell, M. D.; eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, W. D. Barry, M. D.

General medical examiners, Milton A. Wick, M. D., F. N. McCreary, M. D., Joseph Spector, M. D., L. J. Laux, M. D., J. E. Ellinger, M. D., H. Metzger, M. D., H. G. Witman, M. D., G. B. Wright, M. D.

Interviewers, transportation and subsistence officers, Christopher Shaw, H. C. Bruce, W. G. Martin and J. G. Jones.

Dr. Harry D. Warren was liaison officer between the squad and the Division American Red Cross and squad co-ordinator.

The sole citizen acquiesces a great deal of misinformation about the Government's care of the veterans of the World War. He is led to believe that the war is grossly neglecting the men who fought its battles in France, and performed patriotic service here at home.

"I confess, I was in a measure under the impression that I was a member of the Clean-up Squad gave me something authentic that was startling.

The fact is that the Government is paying physical examinations to 100,000 veterans over \$1,000,000 cash every day, Sundays included.

It is providing without cost, hospital care and treatment for 30,000 of them. This includes board and lodging, and represents an expenditure of \$80,000,000 a year.

It is giving vocational training without cost to 150,000 disabled ex-service men and a cost for tuition, maintenance and supervision of \$30,000,000 a year.

Every month it mails out 650,000 checks representing an outlay of \$42,000,000.

It conducts an insurance business for over 600,000 veterans without any cost of administration to them, and at substantial rates below those of private companies.

It makes 60,000 free medical examinations monthly.

It is receiving 1000 new claims daily, in addition to the 1,200,000 already filed.

\$510,000,000 to Be Spent

On their behalf in 1922 \$510,000,000 more will be spent for World War veterans than was the entire cost of the whole United States Government in any year prior to 1907.

Of \$18,800,000 appropriated for hospital purposes, \$1,000,000 will go for a tubercular hospital in Western Pennsylvania.

In the Clean-up Squads campaign just completed under Dr. Hibbsman, 14,211 veterans were interviewed and 4296 new claims filed by them.

There were 5563 'specials' and 5070 general physical examinations made.

The greatest interest among the veterans discovered by the squad was on the question of compensation, back pay and allied inquiries.

There were 115 veterans who had lost their discharge papers, while 1430 X-ray examinations were made.

Hundreds were helped who would have suffered severely had they been compelled to travel long distances to secure medical aid and advice. This is exceedingly important, for August 9 is the last day for obtaining a certificate of injury or medical or dental treatment of a disability of less than 10 per cent.

Occasionally cases are reported of veterans suffering from want of medical treatment or subject to neglect. It instantly creates a sensation, followed by condemnation of the Government.

A man or woman treated for disability in the World War is not always entitled to receive compensation, however. It must be shown that the disability, even though of service origin, handicapped the person more than 10 per cent within a year after leaving the service.

This does, I submit, suggest injuring the lack of appreciation by the Republic.

An exception is in cases of active tuberculosis and certain kinds of neurological diseases, which fall in a two-year period after discharged from service.

At the War Veterans' Bureau Building, Twentieth and Arch streets, work similar to that of the Clean-up Squad is conducted daily now.

Philadelphia, with Bucks and Montgomery Counties, forms a special district.

LEARNING ART OF COBBLING



C. A. Vanaman, manual training instructor in John Greenleaf Whittier School, is shown teaching Mrs. Ella B. Foster, of Hancock Public School, how to repair shoes

18 PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS LEARNING ART OF COBBLING

Idea in Practice at Hollingsworth School Sponsored by William C. Ashe, Vocational Education Director—Training Passed On to Pupils

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